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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

This communication is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed August 11, 2005, requiring restriction of certain claims within the subject application. Specifically, the Examiner has divided the currently pending claims into Group I, claims 1-11, claims drawn to combination of a food display with a utensil dispenser, classified in class 221, subclass 199, and Group II, claims 22-26, claims drawn to a subcombination of a utensil dispenser, classified in class 221, sublass 71..

Applicants hereby elect to prosecute Group I claims 1-11, and claims 12-21, and 27-39. This election is made without traverse. Please cancel claims 22-26 without prejudice.

It is submitted that the above election is fully responsive to the Office Action mailed August 11, 2005. No fee is believed to be necessary in connection with this response. Should any fee be required, the Commissioner is authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 07-0900 and notify us of the same.

Respectfully submitted,

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